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Be Prepared For Severe Weather

Kentucky Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency are teaming up to promote National Severe Weather Preparedness Week March 3-9. Sponsored by FEMA and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Severe Weather Preparedness Week encourages individuals, families, businesses and communities to know about severe weather risks, take action to prepare for them and "Be a Force of Nature" by encouraging others to get prepared.

Each year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and other types of severe weather, despite advance warning. In 2012, there were more than 450 weather-related fatalities and nearly 2,600 injuries nationwide. Severe weather knows no boundaries and affects every individual in every region. Because of this, Kentuckians are being called upon to "Be a Force of Nature" and lead others to preparedness.

"Knowing your risk, taking action and being an example are just a few steps you can take to be bet-

ter prepared and assist in saving lives," said Phil May, FEMA Regional Administrator. "Preparedness means understanding that disasters can happen without notice, and being prepared is the only way to take care of yourself and members of your family when severe weather strikes."

John Heltzel, director of KYEM, said, "Although state and local governments are here to assist the public during these times, preparedness starts at home. It starts with being aware of conditions and situations that threaten you and your family's safety and then taking appropriate steps."

The following are simple steps toward being prepared:

Know the risk. The first step to becoming weather-ready is to understand the type of hazardous weather that can impact the area. Residents should check the weather forecast regularly, get a NOAA weather radio and sign up for localized alerts from emergency management officials. Severe weather

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AMONG the students at Dawson Springs Elementary School reading Tuesday morning as part of a human bookworm in celebration of Literacy Week are (from left) Heaven Bratcher, Carly Alexander, Marlee Burden, Skyler Clark, James Thomas and Baylee Peek. Activities are scheduled for today and tomorrow to promote reading.

photo by Tammy Audas

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Stevens Planning To Retire As County Superintendent

On Feb. 28, James Lee Stevens announced his retirement as superintendent of Hopkins County Schools. Although his current contract does not expire until June 30, 2014, Stevens will leave by June 30 of this year after 45 years in education.

The 1962 graduate of Dawson Springs High School began his career at his alma mater and has worked in the Hopkins County sys-

tem for the past 42 years. During that time, he has served as a teacher; coach; principal of Waddill Avenue Elementary School, South Hopkins High School and Madisonville-North Hopkins High School; and assistant superintendent for facilities and safety. He became the district superintendent in 2000.

According to a press release, Stevens cites frustrations over the many unfunded state and federal

mandates placed on schools as one reason for his decision to retire.

An article in The Messenger last week quotes Stevens as saying upcoming changes which require the active involvement of the superintendent are better left to a younger person.

A screening committee will be formed as soon as possible to begin the process of selecting Stevens' replacement.

Chili Luncheon Is Tomorrow For Museum Membership Drive

The Dawson Springs Museum and Art Center will kick off its 2013 membership drive tomorrow with a chili luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Katherine Barnett room at the branch library. The menu includes chili, pimiento cheese sandwiches, crackers, drinks and dessert.

The luncheon is for those renewing or establishing a membership. Annual dues are \$10 for individuals, \$15 for families and \$50 for supporters.

A permanent Dawson Springs history exhibit is housed at the museum, and various art forms are displayed throughout the year. In 2012 a grant for extensive renovation of the facility was received, and work on the project is expected to begin in the next few months.

DEAD FOR THIS SESSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Statewide Smoking Ban Gets 'Good Scrubbing'

By Al Cross
Kentucky Health News

The bill for a statewide smoking ban is dead for this session of the General Assembly, but its supporters think they made some headway Monday as they laid groundwork for getting it through the state House a year from now.

The House Judiciary Committee held an informational hearing on House Bill 190 to "give it a good scrubbing" before a committee that is more skeptical of it than the Health and Welfare Committee, which approved it early in the session, the bill's sponsor, Rep. Susan Westrom, D-Lexington, said afterward.

Westrom said she was encouraged by the hearing because it exposed weaknesses in the bill that she will correct for the next regular session, beginning in January 2014. For example, she said, Rep. Steven Rudy, R-Paducah, argued that the bill's language would make it illegal to use smoke in barns to cure the dark tobacco grown

in Western Kentucky, largely for smokeless consumption.

"This is about vetting," Westrom told Rudy. "You have a different mindset than I do sitting on the Health and Welfare Committee."

Rudy acknowledged that secondhand smoke is not beneficial, but asked, "Has there ever been a death certificate that secondhand

smoke killed this person?"

Dr. Sylvia Cerel-Suhl, Central Kentucky president of the American Heart Association, replied that Lexington recorded a significant drop in acute heart attacks after enacting a smoking ban and said "thousands of studies" of secondhand smoke have shown exposure to it can cause premature death.

"The evidence is absolutely overwhelming," she said and asked if anyone else had any questions. No one did, but the committee was one member short of a quorum.

Advocates told the legislators that 37 jurisdictions, covering 34 percent of the state's population, limit

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RECEIVING awards for placing first in the Future Problem Solving district competition Saturday, March 2, at Jessie Stuart Elementary School in Madisonville are (from left) Zoe Howton, Dylan Dawson, and Emma Thorp. Not pictured was team member Landon Pace. Presenting the medals is Brooklyn Clark.

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Elementary Academic Team Finishes Second In District

The Dawson Springs Elementary School academic team participated in district competition Saturday at Jesse Stuart Elementary School in Madisonville. The team placed second overall in the district.

Team members are Emma Thorp, Caleb Garrett, Logan McKnight, Landon Pace, Ethan Stuart, Ivory Tackett, Daniel Garrett, Wesley Oden, Gabby Laxton, Cydney Collins, Jaidan Hunter, Cindy Solomon, Zoe Howton, Brennen Cunningham, Dylan Dawson, Jackson Creekmur and Wanda Detalente.

Cindy Solomon placed fourth in language arts and fifth in composition. Daniel Garrett was first in language arts and fourth in com-

position. Zoe Howton and Dylan Dawson tied for third place in mathematics, and Jackson Creekmur placed fifth in social studies.

The future problem solving team, consisting of Zoe Howton, Emma Thorp, Landon Pace and Dylan Dawson, earned first place honors.

The quick recall team placed second overall. Team members are Gabby Laxton, Emma Thorp, Caleb Garrett, Logan McKnight, Landon Pace, Ethan Stuart, Ivory Tackett, Cindy Solomon, Daniel Garrett, Zoe Howton, Brennen Cunningham, Dylan Dawson and Jackson Creekmur.

The academic team is coached by Kathy Kelley and Jamie Thorp.



Saving Time Begins Sunday

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday. Kentuckians and most others in the United States will "spring forward" by moving their clocks ahead one hour.

"Fast time" will stay in effect until 2 a.m. Nov. 3 when clocks will be turned back to 1 a.m.

Daylight Savings Time provides an extra hour of daylight during the evening.

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Obituaries

Rodger Carroll, 62
Dorothy Darnell, 87
Richard Hibbs, 40
Jimmy Mathews, 68
Charles Thomas Young, 63

LOCAL 5 DAY FORECAST

Wed 3/6	Thu 3/7	Fri 3/8	Sat 3/9	Sun 3/10
42/29 Windy. Mostly cloudy skies will become partly cloudy.	47/29 Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.	56/33 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.	64/46 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 60s, low in 40s.	65/51 Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the mid 60s, lows in 50s.

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Inmate Death Reported At Hopkins County Jail

Kentucky State Police was notified of a deceased inmate at the Hopkins County Detention Center early Sunday morning. Charles W. Young, 63, was pronounced dead by Hopkins County Coroner Dennis Mayfield.

An autopsy was scheduled for Monday at the Western Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office in Madisonville. No foul play is suspected.

The investigation is continuing by Detective Lloyd Ray.

Suicide Ruled Cause Of I-69 One-Vehicle Death

Investigation by the Hopkins County Sheriff's Office, Hopkins County Coroner's Office and the Kentucky Medical Examiner's Office has revealed the cause of a single-vehicle accident on I-69 North Feb. 23.

The fatality was ruled a suicide. The cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the head. The automobile crash was a result of the shooting.

The name of the victim, a 30-year-old Lexington man, has not been released.

Corvette Plant To Begin New Stingray Productions

By Robyn Minor
The Daily News
Bowling Green

February 28 marked the end of an era for General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant, but another one will begin in about three weeks when the first of the new 2014 Corvette Stingrays are produced.

The last 2013 model C6 Corvette rolled off the line Thursday morning. Today, it will be in front of the plant for an employee group photo before being packaged and shipped to Detroit, where it will be on display at the GM Heritage Center.

This particular car was a 60th anniversary edition, which means it is white. But the convertible had a special hand-built engine from chief engineer Tadge Juechter. The C6 was the sixth generation of Corvettes. The Stingray will be C7 - the car's seventh generation.

"It was kind of a bitter-sweet day: Sad because it was the end of an era ... but happy because right behind it, we know we will be building the new Stingray," Plant Manager Dave Tatman said.

Even though the 2013 C6 was produced for just 10 months, its production topped that of 2012 models that had a 12-month production run. There were 13,466 produced for 2013, compared to 11,747 for the 2012 model year. In model year 2011, 13,596 were built.

As soon as the frame of the last car passed through

the frame shop, workers started dismantling the line. The same was true as it passed through each station along the production line. Metal from the line will be recycled.

"Southern Recycling is getting a lot of business," Tatman said. "Who knows, maybe some of it will come back to us some day as a part from Trace Die Cast."

Expected production for the 2014 Stingray is an unknown at this point. Dealers have not yet begun to take orders, nor has a formal pricing structure been agreed upon.

But Tatman said some dealers, not General Motors, have decided on their own to take deposits for the new vehicles.

The plant will be down for three weeks with about half of the employees coming in for training. All employees will return March 25.

Cars will be in showrooms in the third quarter of this year, with orders being taken sometime soon. But that time is still to be determined, Tatman said.

There are 655 full-time employees at the assembly plant. At full production, there will be close to 800 full-time, plus salaried and temporary workers. Tatman was authorized to hire up to 170 temporary workers over the coming year, but none of those have been brought in yet.

"I still have a couple of classes of permanent employees to bring in," he said.



TYLER WEIR (right) makes a drink selection at the chili supper Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the all-purpose room in the local school, as band director Andy Hall looks on.

D.S.P.D. Issues Report

The Dawson Springs Police Department released the following report last week:

—Taylor D. Daugherty, 22, of Mortons Gap, was served a bench warrant for failure to appear Feb. 25. Capt. Craig Patterson was the charging officer.

The Madisonville Police Department charged three local residents.

—Nichole K. Morgan, 24, 1995 Fergusontown Road, was charged Feb. 28 with theft by unlawful taking.

—Seth D. Barton, 21, Ilsley Road, was charged Feb. 24 with failure to appear in court.

—Mickey Royal, 29, Racetrack Road, was charged Feb. 25 with fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).

Bidding Is Completed For 2 West Kentucky Bridges

By Alan Reed
Marshall County
Tribune-Courier

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet is hopeful of awarding a contract for the first phase of construction of two new bridges along U.S. 68 and Ky. 80.

Keith Todd, public information officer for the cabinet, said bids for the project were due in Frankfort on Feb. 22. Engineers will review each bid to ensure it complies with specifications before awarding and the Secretary of Transportation signs the contract.

"This actual bid is the first part of the project," Todd said. "This will build the bridges over the lagoon on the Aurora side to access the main lake portion of the bridge. It will also build the causeway to get to the lake."

The low bid was recognized to have been submitted by Jim Smith Contracting. Todd said typically, the review process takes about a week. Once the Secretary of Transportation signs off on the bid, it becomes a contract. The contractor will then be issued a notice to proceed. At that point the contractor contacts the local KYTC district office to set up a pre-construction meeting. During that meeting a timetable is established for work to start. Under normal conditions, work would be expected to begin within a few weeks of that meeting. Due to the size of this project, it could take a little longer for work to start due to the time required for the contractor to get materials and equipment to the site.

Todd said the deadline for bidding was the second for this phase of the project. The cabinet revised specifications and requested new bids when a first round of bidding last fall came in over budget.

"This is the first step of many we will have to take

to get to the new bridges," Todd said.

The first stage of the project will cost \$30 million, Todd said. The bridges over Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley have a total budget of \$330 million for both. Todd said the Cabinet anticipates the new bridges will be opened in five or six years.

"There will be some dirt work and building of some pilings to form a basis for the pier," Todd said. "We may be to the point where we can bid the main part of the bridge next fall or spring."

Todd said the bridge construction will not affect traffic as it is 50 feet downstream from the existing bridge.

Work on the first phase will begin this spring. Todd said contractor engineers will meet with the cabinet's staff to discuss construction before the project begins.

11 Die In 6 Crashes On State Roads Last Week

Eleven people died in six separate crashes on Kentucky roads from Feb. 25 through March 3.

One six-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in Hardin County.

One single-fatality motor vehicle crash occurred in each of the following counties: Calloway, Jefferson, Madison, Powell and Pulaski. The victim in Madison County was not wearing a seat belt. The crash in Powell County involved the suspected use of alcohol and resulted in one pedestrian being killed.

Through March 3, preliminary statistics indicate 87

people have lost their lives on Kentucky roads during 2013. This is 27 fewer than reported for this time period in 2012.

Of the 76 motor vehicle fatalities, 36 victims were not wearing seat belts. One of the two motorcycle fatalities was not wearing a helmet. Eight pedestrians have been killed. One fatality involving an animal-drawn vehicle has been reported. A total of 19 fatalities have resulted from crashes involving the suspected use of alcohol.

As of March 3, Kentucky has had 20 days with zero highway fatalities reported during 2013.

Hopkins Co. Health Dept. Issues Restaurant Report

The following restaurant inspections were conducted by the Hopkins County Health Department Feb. 22 through Feb. 28.

A food service establishment must earn a minimum score of 85 with no critical violations in order to pass. Follow-up inspections of restaurants which do not meet that criteria will be conducted.

Christ the King (follow-up) — 99

Minor violations:
•Ceiling tiles need replacing.

Earlington School Caf-

eteria — 100

No violations.

Hopkins County YMCA

Kids Center — 99

Minor violation:

•Food crumbs in corner

Nortonville Supermar-

ket — 96

Minor violations:

•Foam meat trays stored on floor

•Lid needed on trash can in women's restroom

•Floor tile in poor repair in kitchen (working on new tile)

•Charmin bath tissue stored on floor.

Muhlenberg Bomb Threat Investigated By KSP

The Kentucky State Police is investigating a bomb threat at Muhlenberg County High School East Campus.

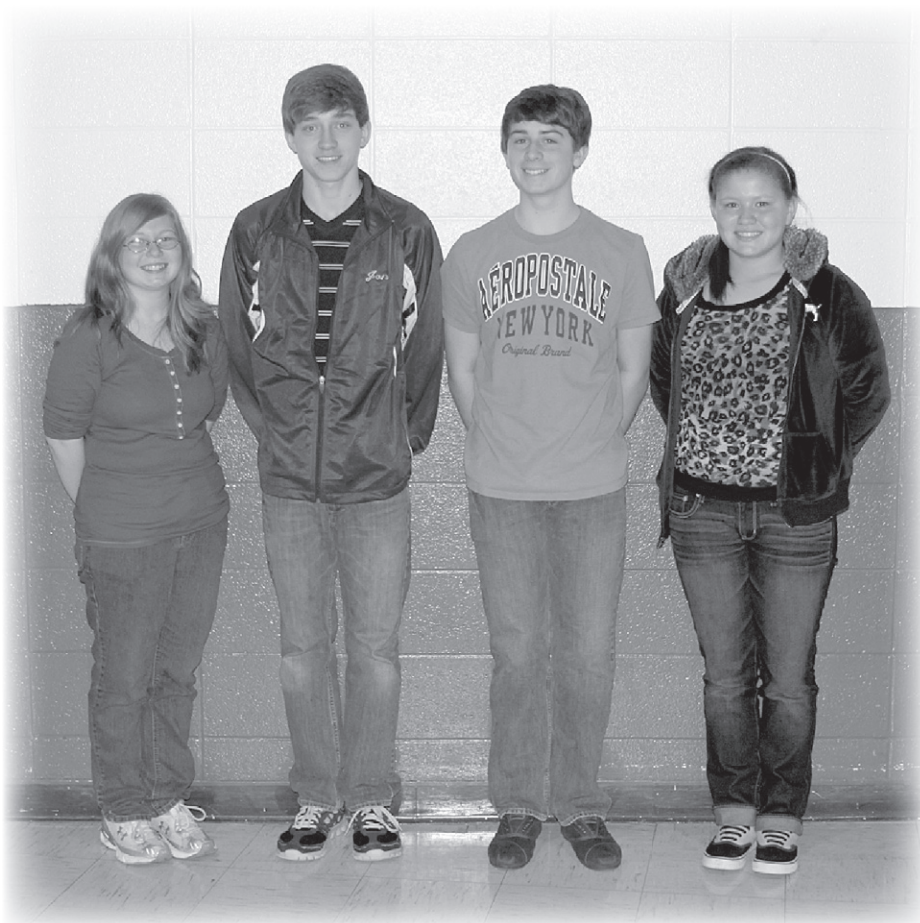
KSP Post 2 was contacted by the Muhlenberg County Sheriff's Department at approximately 10:30 a.m. Monday in reference to the threat. A note had been discovered in a bathroom stating that a bomb was inside the school.

Emergency personnel from several agencies re-

sponded to the scene. Students were evacuated from the high school. A search of the school was conducted by K-9s from the KSP Special Operations Section. No explosives or explosive devices were located.

Anyone with information pertaining to this investigation is urged to phone the KSP at 676-3313 or toll-free at 1-800-222-5555. Callers may remain anonymous.

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March 16 and March 23

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• With the help of the Kentucky Cancer Program, free take-home kits will be available on a first come, first served basis in the hospital lobby. Other educational materials also will be provided.

March 19 • noon

• Lunch N Learn with guest speaker Darren Chapman, MD, 8th floor of Baptist Health Medical Associates Building B. The cost is \$5 to attend and includes lunch. To register, please call 270.824.3418.



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DEBBIE SCOTT, with her husband Bobby, makes a drink selection Tuesday, Feb. 12, at the chili supper at the all-purpose room in the local school. The supper was sponsored by the Dawson Springs High School Band.

Funds Available For Home Heating

Attorney General Jack Conway has announced that his office, in coordination with the Kentucky Public Service Commission and Community Action Kentucky (CAK), has secured additional funding to support the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and related weatherization efforts in Eastern Kentucky. General Conway's Office of Rate Intervention obtained nearly \$50,000 to aid LIHEAP as a result of a March 2012 settlement between the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and Constellation Energy Commodities Group over Constellation's alleged manipulation of the wholesale energy market.

"I am pleased that we were able to secure additional funds for Kentucky families struggling to heat their homes," General Conway said. "This money was

put into use immediately to assist Kentucky households facing imminent termination of their electric services. I am proud of the work my Office of Rate Intervention did to secure the additional funding and the work it does every day on behalf of Kentucky ratepayers."

Under the settlement, FERC ordered Constellation to surrender more than \$110 million in unjust profits to be placed in a fund to benefit electric energy consumers in the affected states.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) assisted the Office of Rate Intervention in determining the amount of money due Kentucky and in seeing that it was allocated for LIHEAP funding in the service territory of Kentucky Power Co., which was impacted by the alleged market manipulation.

"We are pleased that this

settlement will assist those ratepayers most severely impacted by energy prices that were higher than they should have been," PSC Chairman David Armstrong said. "The PSC was happy to play a role in achieving this result."

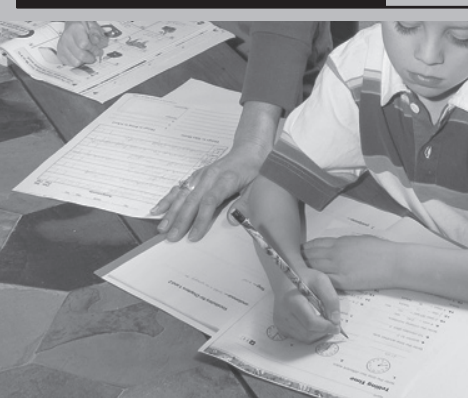
Kentucky's share of the fund totaled approximately \$49,700, which was paid this month directly to CAK and distributed to five community action agencies. The funds will assist LIHEAP eligible households in the 20-county service territory affected by the settlement.

"These funds could not come at a more opportune time. The five agencies in Eastern Kentucky have exhausted their initial allotment for LIHEAP so this influx will enable more families to receive assistance during the rest of the winter," said Mike Moynahan, Energy Program Director at Community Action Kentucky.



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Ky. Waited 111 Years To Legally Abolish Slavery

By Greg Kocher
Lexington Herald-Leader

Here's an OMG fact for you: The Kentucky legislature didn't go on record against slavery until 1976 — 111 years after the 13th Amendment prohibiting involuntary servitude became the law of the land.

Lincoln, with 12 nominations at Sunday's Academy Awards ceremony, tells of the president's struggle to have Congress pass the amendment.

What isn't told is that Kentucky, Lincoln's birthplace, refused to ratify the amendment. Mississippi was another; more on that later.

The movie depicts only the first step of the process to add an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Moviegoers see passage of the amendment in the House of Representatives in 1865. But the amendment's story didn't end there.

Before an amendment can be added to the U.S. Constitution, three-fourths of the states must pass or ratify it. That process wasn't finished and verified until December 1865, eight months after Lincoln's assassination.

To understand why Kentucky rejected ratification, some context is necessary.

Slavery had existed in Kentucky since before it achieved statehood in 1792. In 1790, slaves were a little more than 6 percent of the population. By 1830, they were 24 percent of the population. By 1860, the year before the start of the Civil War, Kentucky had 225,000 slaves; most lived in the Bluegrass region and in the corridor between Lexington and Louisville.

Kentucky's first constitution, written in 1792, protected the right to own slaves. Slave labor was used to grow hemp in the 1800s, and tobacco in the central and western regions of the state. By 1850, 28 percent of white families owned slaves, but the average slaveholder owned five slaves or fewer.

At the start of the Civil War, Lincoln had hoped to encourage border states like Kentucky to take the initiative in abolishing slavery themselves, according to historians Lowell Harrison and James Klotter. Lincoln tried several times to get Kentucky to adopt a plan of compensated emancipation. It would work like this: If a state committed itself to a definite date to end slavery, then Lincoln would recommend to Congress that owners receive \$400 for each slave. The plan didn't fly.

When Lincoln decided that ending slavery would help win the war, he declared slaves free only in

those areas controlled by the Confederacy. His Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 did not affect Kentucky. Even so, the proclamation attracted protest in the Bluegrass.

"Most Kentuckians supported the Union with the understanding that a state had the right to deal with slavery as a matter of state's rights," wrote James Ramage, a professor of history at Northern Kentucky University, in an e-mail. "When President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, most Kentucky Unionists felt betrayed and declared that they would never accept freeing the slaves."

Kentucky Gov. James F. Robinson denounced the Emancipation Proclamation in his message to the legislature in early January 1863. The legislature also denounced the proclamation "as unwise, unconstitutional and void," and there was talk in the state of recalling Kentucky troops from the Union army. Some even advocated that Kentucky secede from the Union.

Such talk embarrassed those who supported emancipation. Samuel Lusk wrote to a friend on Feb. 4, 1863: "If the president is resolved on going to hell and destroying the best government on earth, let him place himself under the control of Kentucky politicians and he will soon have accomplished his purpose."

Meanwhile, the feds were doing little to win the hearts and minds of many Kentuckians. Federal troops resorted to abusive measures that were illegal or unconstitutional to maintain military control of the state. This included military interference with elections, such as prohibiting "disloyal" persons from voting.

By 1864, the Union army's ill treatment of civilians and Lincoln's inclusion of black freedom as a war aim "caused many formerly loyal Kentuckians to turn their sympathies against the federal government," writes Anne E. Marshall in Creating a Confederate Kentucky: The Lost Cause and Civil War Memory in a Border State.

Among those opposing federal policies was Brutus Clay, a U.S. congressman from Bourbon County, who was steadfastly against abolition and the enlistment of slaves into the Union army. (Brutus was brother to Cassius Marcellus Clay, who argued for emancipation and published an anti-slavery newspaper, The Lexington True American.)

During the debate on the 13th Amendment, Brutus Clay said: "If you take

away from a man that which he considers to be justly his own, you make him desperate, and he will retaliate upon you. You can never by oppression make a man obey willingly the laws of his country. Act justly toward him, let him see he has a government which will protect him and he will love that government. But oppress and rob him, and he will despise and hate you."

Without Clay's vote, the 13th Amendment passed the U.S. House of Representatives in January 1865 — the climatic finale in Steven Spielberg's movie. The next month, the Kentucky legislature voted to reject it: 56-18 in the House and 23-10 in the Senate.

Slavery was still legal and visible in the commonwealth in 1865. One visitor traveling through the South that year noted that Louisville was the only place on the trip where slaves waited on him.

Nevertheless, the 13th Amendment was ratified by the necessary three-fourths majority of states and was officially adopted in December 1865. Kentucky, meanwhile, came to identify itself more with the Confederacy after the war than it did during the war. Between 1867 and 1894, Kentucky elected six governors who had been Confederates or Confederate sympathizers.

Kentucky did not move to ratify the 13th Amendment until state Rep. Mae Street Kidd, D-Louisville, one of three blacks then in the Kentucky legislature, filed a resolution to do so in 1976.

The resolution passed the Kentucky House by a 77-0 vote, and it passed the Kentucky Senate by a voice vote on March 18, 1976. The vote was symbolic — Kentucky's ratification wasn't needed for the amendment to be added to the U.S. Constitution — but it was a symbol with power.

Now, back to Mississippi. The Magnolia State ratified the 13th Amendment on March 16, 1995, but because the ratification document was never presented to the U.S. archivist, it was never considered official.

On Jan. 30 of this year, Mississippi finally sent a copy of its 1995 resolution to adopt and pass the 13th Amendment to the Office of the Federal Register.

A week later, Federal Register Director Charles Barth confirmed that he had received the paperwork, the Clarion-Ledger newspaper of Jackson, Miss., reported.

"With this action, the state of Mississippi has ratified the 13th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States," he wrote.



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March Weather Is Warm With Snow

March came in with two days of snow and many of us wishing for more springlike weather. Then again Tuesday afternoon there was more snow.

Alas, March will be what it will be, which could be cold and snowy but could also be nice and warm. In other words, March is very unpredictable and undependable.

But the good news is March 1 begins what the weather people call meteorological spring and March 20 is the beginning of astrological spring.

Not only all that, but we should also better be ready to spring forward this weekend which means we will all lose an hour of sleep Saturday night. Many of us will miss it and may never get it back.

Dawson Springs lost one of its very good guys last week when Jimmy Mathews died of cancer. Jimmy had a heart and spirit of compassion for other people, and he showed it by his work helping people in less than good situations. Jimmy had served for many years on local fire departments, emergency squads and was well known for being especially good to elderly people.

Jimmy was first diagnosed with cancer 18 years ago and was told then he had about six weeks to live. Three years later he received stem cells, and it appeared he had beaten the dreaded disease which we all hate.

When something like this happens, many people usually say the survivor must be alive because he has a purpose for living. Jimmy knew his purpose, and it was in serving others. I like to think part of this purpose was in how he was always there when my brother Jed would have low blood sugar. Jimmy almost always answered the call. Jed used to say when he would awake that he didn't know what to think when he looked up and saw the assistant coroner standing over him.

What Jimmy did for my brother was true service for others, but what he did for my parents was always above the call of duty. Jimmy always showed such compassion to Mom and Dad as they had to watch their son go through these low blood sugar episodes which seemed to happen way too often.

Dawson Springs will miss Jimmy Mathews, and so will my family.

Speaking of that terrible thing we all hate, my best friend hit a 10-year cancer-free anniversary this week. Thank you, God.

The two most exciting basketball games I have watched this season were played on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. In a men's game on Feb. 9, Louisville and Notre Dame played five overtimes before the Irish won the game 104-101. Then Monday night, in a women's game at the Purcell Pavilion in South Bend, the Irish defeated the UConn Huskies 96-87 in three overtimes. It's not even March 17 and talk about the luck of

the Irish in their overtime wins this year.

Speaking of basketball, while attending the district tournament game last Wednesday night at Hopkins County Central, I was doing a little observation during the playing of The Star Spangled Banner before the girls game. I have no idea what this means, but here is what I observed: Most people do not place their hands over their heart during the playing of our national anthem. When I observed the two competing teams, I noticed seven out of 15 players on Hopkins County Central's bench had their hands on their hearts while only one of 14 players on the Caldwell County bench did. As for the adults on the benches, all four Central coaches had their hands on their hearts while two of the four Caldwell County coaches did.

I don't have any idea what any of that means, but it must mean something. When we are in school, we all learn to say the pledge of allegiance with our hands on our hearts. We also learn to do the same during the playing of the anthem. It must mean that somewhere along the way we seem to lose the respect for the flag our veterans fought and died for.

Sammy Williams, a classmate of mine in the Dawson Springs High School Class of 1975, died Saturday morning. I'm afraid since we all are in the 55-year-old range, this is an occurrence which will happen more frequently.

Another classmate, Joe Keller, called me with the news. We recalled several stories which involved Sam, even one which I can repeat here.

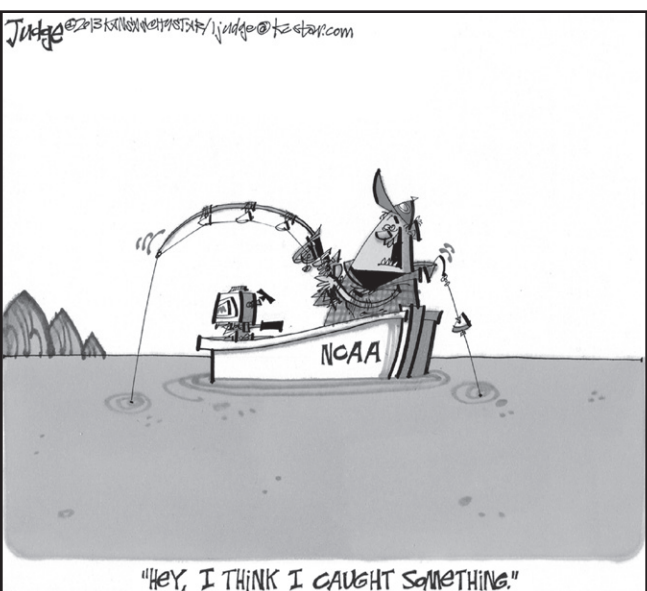
Sammy, Joe and I were in the eighth grade and were managers for the high school baseball team coached by James Lee Stevens. James Lee always made the three of us ride with him to away baseball games. At that time in 1971, I don't think our school owned a bus and the older players drove their personal cars filled with players to the away games.

Brent Audas had a really old car. I don't remember what it was, but Joe and I both remember it was old and a bit worn on the inside and out. They stuffed the three of us in the back seat and James Lee rode up front with Brent.

The old car had one "modern" piece of equipment — an eight track tape player. Coach Stevens had one favorite song he wanted to hear over and over — Three Dog Night's Joy to the World.

James Lee would say something like "I want to hear about that bull frog."

Stevens, who is superintendent of Hopkins County School, and a graduate of Dawson Springs High School, is retiring at the end of this year after 45 years in education.



COMMENTARY

Get Real With Pension Reform

By Jim Waters

Cheers to Paducah Independent Sen. Bob Leeper for filing a bill limiting Kentucky General Assembly sessions to every other year instead of annually.

Before voters approved a constitutional amendment allowing annual sessions in 2000, the legislature met only in even-numbered years for 60-day sessions.

Unfortunately, Kentuckians were convinced by big-government types that allowing politicians to gather annually would result in the people's work getting done on time and limit the need for special sessions, which drive up the cost of government.

"The way it was was better," Leeper told the Senate State and Local Government Committee.

Way better.

Counting all days in regu-

larly scheduled and special sessions, the Legislature spent 505 days meeting between 2001 and 2010, compared to only 423 days during the previous decade and only 392 days during the decade of the 1980s.

Government has grown at every level, including Kentucky's state government. And, as 19th century Tammany Hall Democrat Judge Gideon J. Tucker keenly observed: "No man's life, liberty, or property are safe while the legislature is in session."

What apparently is safe while the 2013 Kentucky Legislature meets is the state's out-of control spending on pension benefits.

And for that, we send the loudest jeers to the leadership of both parties.

When this session began, there was bipartisan agreement that significant steps

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gas Stations Are Unfair

Dear Editor,

Here we go again with oil and the price of gas rising. Oil had been hovering around \$97 a barrel for weeks, and the price at the pump went from \$3.34 to \$3.69 for unknown reasons. That's outrageous when oil prices have dropped to \$92.

The gas stations, since they are not owned by the oil companies any longer, can pretty much charge what they want. I've been told that they can do this simply because they can. Take it or leave it. Supply and demand — forget it. Competition — forget it. When was the last time you saw any difference in gas prices at any local stations?

Reserve supplies are at an all-time high. Americans and

consumers around the world are cutting back on driving. In order to keep gas prices up, refineries are sharply cutting production. This, in turn, produces an artificial shortage in the gas market. When oil prices took a steep dive last year, the refining margins from oil were dismal. Consumer Watchdog, a non-profit consumer group, says production cuts at refineries have far exceeded the drop in consumption, and they have been calling for greater regulation of refineries.

Again, many people don't realize that major oil companies themselves own fewer than 5 percent of gas stations. Exxon Mobil said that it was getting out of the retail gasoline business, following other major oil companies who have been selling their low-margin businesses to gasoline distributors. Most

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Pension Crisis Must Be Ended

In a floor speech last week, House Speaker Greg Stumbo likened public pension reform to rabbit stew. "If you don't have the rabbit," he said, "you don't have the stew. If you don't have the money, you don't have (pension) reform."

Amen to Stumbo's impeccable down-home logic.

Kentucky lawmakers — be they Republicans or Democrats, senators or representatives — can make valid cases for their differences on the details of what reform of the Kentucky Retirement Systems should look like. "Defined benefits," "defined contributions" or a hybrid mix of the two all have their pros and cons.

If reform is to happen — and conflicts make it likely it would be in a special session — it ultimately will take a shape acceptable to both Senate Republicans and House Democrats.

But there's no denying the need for a new revenue stream to fund any real reform of the troubled pension system.

One of the main reasons KRS has \$18 billion in unfunded liability now is that the legislature failed to fully fund the system for much of the past two decades. Without a dedicated revenue stream, there's no guarantee lawmakers will not revert to the same bad habit in the future.

Equally important, the dedicated revenue stream and the systemic reforms must be joined at the hip as they move through the legislative process. Republicans who argue for reform now and funding later simply hope to use reforms put in the statutes this year to leverage additional cuts in the next budget cycle for state agencies and programs already

cut to the bone as a result of recent revenue shortfalls.

Stumbo and House Democrats deserve applause for recognizing the need to fund pension reform from the get-go. However, the method they have chosen — a mix of revenue from "instant racing" and new lottery games — is very debatable.

Rightly, the state's higher education assistance programs deserve first call on any new lottery revenue. Although Stumbo's plan allows for a two percent annual growth in the lottery's contribution to these programs, that is not enough to meet the demand for need-based assistance programs that annually run out of money before they run out of applicants.

Similarly, with Kentucky's Thoroughbred racing industry already struggling to compete with the higher purses and breeding incentives offered by "racino" states, it seems at least a bit illogical to cap the share of state revenue from instant racing going to programs that benefit the industry, as the House plan would do.

In his floor speech, Stumbo acknowledged the House-passed pension reform and its plan for a dedicated revenue stream would not be the final versions. When House and Senate leaders sit down to negotiate these issues, if they ever do, there will have to be some compromise by both sides.

But while the House should be open to negotiation on what the revenue stream might be, it must continue to insist on adding the rabbit to the mix by front-loading the money for pension reform. Otherwise, there will be no rabbit stew. Or, pension reform.

—Lexington Herald-Leader

LOOKING BACK

10, 25 & 50 Years Ago

10 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 6, 2003.)

The Panther boys won their seventh game of the season when they defeated McLean County 57-51 last Thursday night.

The Panther girls overtook Livingston County last Friday night and won their final game of the regular season.

Members of the 4th/5th grade academic team qualified for the Regional Governor's Cup competition on March 21-22.

The funeral for Mrs. Mable Ruth Adcock, 71, was held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Wayne Albert Kingery, 80, was held Wednesday, March 5, at Beshear Funeral Home.

The funeral for Paul J. Stevens, 81, was held Saturday morning in Evansville.

Funeral for Vinise Menser, 82, is being held today at 2 p.m. at Beshear Funeral Home.

25 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 10, 1988.)

Allison Elizabeth Pendley was born Thursday, March 3, at Munson

Military Hospital in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. She weighed seven pounds and six ounces.

Charles Bradley Johnson was born Tuesday, March 1. He weighed eight pounds and 7-1/2 ounces.

Funeral for Mrs. Eudnah H. Perry, 77, was held Saturday afternoon, March 5 at the First Christian Church.

Services were held for Mrs. Mable Ruth Dillingham, 76, Monday afternoon, March 7, at Beshear Funeral Home.

50 Years Ago

(From the files of The Dawson Springs Progress, Thursday, March 7, 1963.)

Glen Allen Shelby was born February 25, at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Paducah. He weighed seven pounds and 15 ounces.

Jenna Lou Simons celebrated her sixth birthday with a party on Monday, Feb. 18.

Tammy Bratcher celebrated her fourth birthday with a party Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Regina Mae Stallins was born Wednesday, Feb. 20, in the Caldwell County Hospital in Princeton.

Funeral services were held for Albert S. Lisanby, 68, Tuesday afternoon at the Beshear Funeral Home

United States. In his famous inaugural address, Roosevelt told Americans that "the only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

• On March 9, 1943, Bobby Fischer is born in Chicago. Fischer went on to become the only American to win the chess world championship.

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MOMENTS IN TIME

• On March 7, 1876, 29-year-old Alexander Graham Bell receives a patent for his revolutionary new invention -- the telephone. Bell's patent filing beat a similar claim by Elisha Gray by just two hours.

• On March 4, 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is inaugurated as the 32nd president of the



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Energy Efficiency Program Aims To Make All Kentucky Aware

By Aimee Nielson

Kentucky is one of three states to receive a U.S. Department of Energy grant to use Cooperative Extension offices to funnel energy efficiency information to residents. Beverly Miller, an extension associate in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering is spearheading the effort dubbed “Energy Efficiency Awareness and Action Program.”

Miller said if the program is successful in Kentucky, it could become a nationwide program.

“We’ve begun to work with our Cooperative Extension agents throughout the state to give them tools they can pass on to their clientele,” Miller said. “We are hoping they will be able to reach residential and commercial clients, as well as 4-H’ers in their counties.”

The program uses online tools so that residents and commercial business owners can perform energy assessments in their homes and businesses. The free tools are available at <http://www.bae.uky.edu/energy/residential/> and <http://www.bae.uky.edu/energy/commercial/>.

As part of the program, Miller has issued an Energy Efficiency Awareness and Action Challenge to each county. To meet the challenge, agents must complete a personal home energy assessment, benchmark their own county offices and conduct at least one of three programs throughout the year—one addressing home energy efficiency, one addressing commercial energy efficiency and one to engage 4-H youth.

“Making energy efficiency improvements does more than just save money,” Miller said. “We want people to understand they are also enhancing the comfort of their home—making it healthier too. We want them to see that saving money also means using less energy and that makes a positive impact on the environment by reducing our greenhouse gases.”

Several extension agents have already begun to conduct programs in their counties, benchmark their offices and work with Miller to share the program with 4-Hers.

Christin Herbst, the agriculture and natural resources extension agent in Carroll County, is close to completing the challenge.

“I’ve worked on doing my own energy assessment, and we’ve benchmarked the office,” she said. “We have already presented the 4-H program and March 5, I’ll be conducting the “Living Better through Home Energy Management” program at the Carroll County Extension office for homeowners and then March 12, I’ll be presenting “Controlling Overhead through Business Energy Management” to the Carroll County Chamber of Commerce.”

In Boone County, family and consumer sciences extension agent Diane Mason has also been working to get through the challenge.

“We did a community education seminar in September,” she said “I do think those who attended learned about the computer program that allows them to enter their energy information and track it over time. We have entered information for our office buildings into the online system to benchmark them. We recently added insulation to one of our buildings and will be looking to see what kind of energy savings we realize as a result of that improvement in the building.”

Mason said she’d also changed some things at home after she completed her own residential assessment.

In Fayette County, family and consumer sciences extension agent Diana Doggett is beginning the challenge.

“Fayette County Cooperative Extension is intent in learning ways to become more energy efficient by participating in the Energy Efficiency Awareness and Action Program,” she said. “It is judicious that we assess and evaluate our own office space energy usage in order to provide energy efficiency management best practices to local home and business clientele.”

The grant originated from the U.S. Department of Energy to the Kentucky Department of Energy Development and Independence, which funneled the support to the UK College of Agriculture.



MARCH came in with snow at the Richard Hatley home on South Main Street, but did not survive the entire weekend.

Get Real With Pension Reform

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were needed to address the state’s public pension crisis.

Apparently, the House’s understanding of “significant” means relying exclusively on anticipated proceeds from expanded gambling opportunities in the commonwealth.

And that’s despite the fact that the Kentucky Supreme Court has yet to rule on the legality of at least one source of those planned revenues — instant racing games at horse tracks.

Still, the House’s pension-funding legislation sent to the Senate includes expectations that about \$100 million could be raised through such schemes.

House leaders are justified, though, in chastising the Senate for sending them a pension bill that proposes placing future workers in a hybrid 401k-style retirement plan in which the state would offer a guaranteed minimum return on investments without determining how to fund it.

This bill would replace the current and antiquated

defined-benefit plan where the state pays a fixed amount regardless of its financial status or returns earned on invested funds.

While Senate Bill 2 moves in the right direction by setting up a retirement plan that better reflects the private-sector’s approach, failing to map out a funding path is a failure to acknowledge the upfront cost associated with the change.

Still, the Senate’s irresponsibility has been dwarfed by the House’s unconstitutional shenanigans.

When voters permitted annual sessions in 2000, they approved a measure that included this text: “the General Assembly may consider any issue except that the General Assembly shall be prohibited from passing any bill raising revenue or appropriating funds unless agreed to by three-fifths of all members elected to each house.”

But House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, thinks he has found a way to mute the voice of the people with some obscure 1892 court ruling, which he

claims can limit the three-fifths rule only to final votes on funding bills.

Clearly, a very weak argument.

It’s certainly not what voters agreed to in 2000. They said “any bill raising revenue or appropriating funds” must reach the three-fifths threshold — which means 60 legislators must vote for it.

Any bill — final, preliminary or otherwise.

Since only 52 representatives voted for the House’s sorry version of pension reform, it’s unconstitutional.

Senate President Robert Stivers, R-London, rightly predicts that if the Senate were to pass this legislation, it would only open the door to a frequent flood of funding bills from the House that don’t reach this constitutional requirement.

Another special session to straighten all of this out, anyone?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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stations, now locally owned, took a beating when crude prices spiked, and they couldn’t get their prices raised fast enough.

Local stations here change the prices even as we have coffee. They all have electronic signs. Sometimes the price of gas changes two times a week. The oil barons see an opportunity to make even more money, and they jack up their gas prices even while the price of a barrel of oil is dropping.

Pretty slick, and remember, we can’t do a thing about it. They have been extorting our hard-earned money for several years now.

Businesses, markets, grocery stores, everyone is hurting. Families have spent all their extra cash on gas and heating oil. It is no wonder that businesses are folding. We spend

so much on gas that we can’t afford to drive to the malls.

The obscene profits made by big oil are a price gouge. Anyone with any sense knows that. And where do our congressmen stand on this issue? Ask any one of them to reveal who has oil stock and who doesn’t. When they talk about the slow economy, tell them that it’s the high gas prices that are keeping us broke. I’ll guarantee you they won’t tell you.

Someone else besides me write to your congressman about this rip off. Hello, Rep. Ed Whitfield. Take note, governor, on the price gougers you promised to investigate in your first term.

Ray Bochert
Dawson Springs

DNA Saves Tax Dollars

Dear Editor,

Police gather evidence such as photos and fingerprints of people suspected of crimes. Quick, painless and cheap evidence is DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid). Laboratory equipment is becoming as small as smart phones, and DNA determinations made at a fraction of former expense.

Rape, murder and pedophilia sometimes leave the suspect’s DNA on — or in — the victim. The national data bank may list other offenses by the suspect. Such incontrovertible evidence may interrupt serial crimes or free innocent suspects from detention. DNA evidence may lead to shorter trials and court expense by guilty pleas, effective appeals.

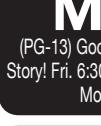
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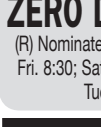
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MEMBERS of Beth Dillingham's eighth grade gifted and talented class listening as Adrianna Coy reads her essay on what makes a great leader are (from left) Keyli Burden, Courtney Copeland, Haylie Cunningham and Emily Garrett. Mayor Jenny Sewell was visiting the classroom.

Local Gas Prices Are Down; State Gas Prices Down More

Average retail gasoline prices in Kentucky have fallen 9.1 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.68 cents per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,623 gas outlets in Kentucky. This compares with the national average that has decreased 2.8 cents per gallon in the past week to \$3.70 per gallon.

Gas prices in Dawson Springs as of noon Tuesday were \$3.67 and \$3.69 a gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Kentucky during the past week, prices Sunday were 2.3 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 17.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 21.6 cents per gal-

lon during the last month and stands 0.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"Gasoline prices have continued to remain relatively stable in the last week, falling a few cents per gallon, providing well needed relief to motorists," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Perhaps more noteworthy, however, is the fact that current average gasoline prices have now fallen under their year ago levels. And perhaps the best news is that the national average will likely continue to decline in most areas east of the Rockies in the week ahead as wholesale gasoline prices have given up ground."

Prepare For Weather

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comes in many forms, and a shelter plan should include all types of local hazards.

Take action. "Be a Force of Nature" by taking the pledge to prepare at www.Ready.gov/severe-weather. The pledge includes developing a family communication plan, putting an emergency kit together, keeping important papers and valuables in a safe place and getting involved in the community to help others prepare.

Be an example. Those who take action and pledge to prepare should share the story with others. Studies show many people use social media in the event of a disaster to let relatives and friends know they are safe. This is an important trend because people are most likely to

take preparedness steps if they observe the preparations taken by others. Social media provides the perfect platform to model preparedness actions for others.

More information and ideas on how to "Be a Force of Nature" can be found at www.Ready.gov/severe-weather. Information on the different types of severe weather such as tornadoes, severe thunderstorms and flooding is available at www.weather.gov and www.Ready.gov.

Previously Gov. Steve Beshear signed a proclamation naming March as Severe Weather Awareness Month in Kentucky. The proclamation, information on KYEM and additional resources and severe weather safety tips can be found at <http://kyem.ky.gov/SWPages/default.aspx>.



SNOW fell off and on in Dawson Springs and the surrounding area Friday and Saturday, but it was just enough to cover the ground before melting and to make some bridges and overpasses slick. The first high school softball game is scheduled to be played March 28 at the municipal park. However, the Panther baseball team is scheduled to play its first game Thursday at Webster County.

Statewide Smoking Ban Is Dead In This Session Of General Assembly

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smoking in some way. Mark Hayden, a trial lawyer and former Campbell County commissioner, said a statewide ban is needed because enacting ordinances, writing

regulations and enforcing them is a burden for local officials.

The bill would give local health departments power to enforce the ban. Scott Lockard, president of the Kentucky Health Departments Association and the health director

in Clark County, said his agency has issued no court charges, only warning citations, since its board passed a ban, and Woodford County has issued only three citations.

Others appearing at the hearing included Dr. Stephanie Mayfield,

commissioner of the state Department of Public Health, and Lt. Gov. Jerry Abramson, who was invited by the Smoke-Free Kentucky Coalition. He discussed enforcement of the ban in Louisville, where he was mayor.

Rep. Tom Riner, D-Louisville, said the ban is "one of the most important pieces of legislation that has been brought before this body, because it literally affects every Kentuckian. . . perhaps the most important piece."

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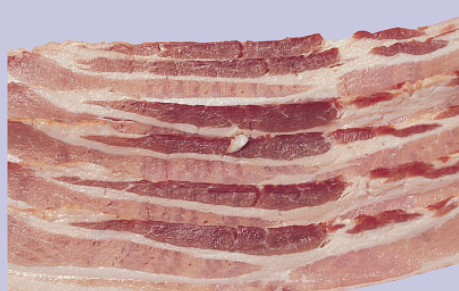
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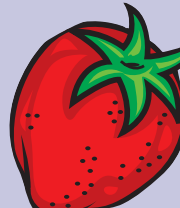
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PANTHER BASEBALL in 2013 includes (front, left to right) the six seniors, Alan Black, Matt Snell, T.J. Puckett, Reed Smiley, Colton Chapple and Jacob Adams; (second row) assistant coach Chance Alfred, Tyler Adams, Brad Puckett, Kevin Brooks, Gage Brewer, Devon Hankins and head coach Mike Lee; (third row) assistant coach Mark Taylor, Dakota Jones, Taylor Edwards, Kameron Orten, David Price, Jordan Adams, Steven Bearden and Josh Castle.



2013 BASEBALL PREVIEW

Panthers Battle Elements To Prep For Opener

Even with snow falling in Dawson Springs Friday and Saturday, the Panther baseball team and their rookie head coach were preparing for this week's season opening.

Michael Lee, who pitched and played first base during his high school days at Warren East, takes over as head coach from Adam Locke.

Because of the installation of an irrigation system at Riverside Park, the Panthers will play their first nine games on the road.

The season opener is tomorrow at Webster County.

They travel to Draffenville Monday to face Christian Fellowship. The first game at Riverside Park is scheduled for March 30 when Lee's alma mater Warren East comes to town.

The Panthers haven't found much success in recent years on the diamond. Last year's squad went 3-19, the 2011 team went 2-19 and the 2010 team went 2-22. Prior to that, the Panthers did not win a game in 2008 or 2009.

The Panthers won eight games in 2004 and six in 2003, the last year to beat a team in the 7th District

(Caldwell County who was in the 5th District at the time).

The last winning season for the Panthers was in 2002 when coach Steve Fowler's squad went 11-9.

However, Lee is optimistic entering this season.

"We will have pitching," Lee said. "We have two who are mainstays, Brad Puckett and Gage Brewer. We are working on others."

Some of the others Lee mentioned were T.J. Puckett, who needs to overcome some wildness, and Alan Black, who has a strong arm and usually plays outfield.

Lee could also be counting on a seventh grader, Dakota Jones, who will play varsity and do some pitching.

"Some of the boys who have strong arms are just going to have to pitch," Lee said. "We don't have the luxury of having a set rotation right away."

Playing on a large field like Riverside Park means the pitchers need to throw strikes.

"We can't put men on base," Lee said. "Most teams aren't going to knock it out of the ball park."

Dawson Springs High School 2013 Baseball Schedule					
Day	Date	Opponent	Team	Location	Time
Thur.	Mar. 7	Webster County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Mon.	Mar. 11	Christian Fellowship	V	Away	5:00
Fri.	Mar. 15	Livingston Central	V	Away	6:00
Mon.	Mar. 18	Hopkins County Central	V/JV	Away	5:30
Thur.	Mar. 21	Grace Baptist	V/JV	Away	5:00
Fri.	Mar. 22	McLean County Middle	MS	Away	5:30
Sat.	Mar. 23	Carlisle County	V/JV	Away	11 am
Tue.	Mar. 26	Caldwell County	V/JV	Away	5:00
Thur.	Mar. 28	Whitesville Trinity	V/V	Away	5:30
Fri.	Mar. 29	Trigg County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Sat.	Mar. 30	Warren East	V/JV	Home	11 am
Mon.	Apr. 8	Christian Fellowship	V	Home	5:30
Tue.	Apr. 9	Grace Baptist	V	Home	5:00
Thur.	Apr. 11	McLean County Middle	MS	Home	5:30
Mon.	Apr. 15	Class A at Crittenden Co.	V	Away	6:00
Fri.	Apr. 19	Livingston Central	V	Home	5:45
Sat.	Apr. 20	Caldwell County	V/JV	Home	11 am
Mon.	Apr. 22	Madisonville-North Hopkins	V/JV	Home	5:30
Tue.	Apr. 23	Hopkins County Central	V/JV	Home	5:30
Fri.	Apr. 26	Lyon County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Tue.	Apr. 30	Trigg County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Fri.	May 3	Fort Campbell	V/JV	Home	5:30
Sat.	May 4	Butler County	V/V	Home	Noon
Mon.	May 6	Madisonville-North Hopkins	V/JV	Away	5:30
Tue.	May 7	Webster County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Thur.	May 9	McLean County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Fri.	May 10	Whitesville Trinity	V/V	Home	5:30
Sat.	May 11	University Heights Academy	Fr.	Home	11 am
Mon.	May 13	McLean County	V/JV	Away	5:30
Tue.	May 14	Lyon County	V/JV	Home	5:30
Thur.	May 16	Fort Campbell	V/JV	Away	5:30

Although pitching is the most important aspect in having a successful high school baseball team, defense makes it much easier on the pitcher.

"We've taken some fielding practice," Lee said. "Our infield, if they produce as they have been, is great."

The Panther infield will consist of junior Gage Brew-

er at shortstop when he's not pitching. Senior Matt Snell, who is getting over a knee injury, will be limited to playing first base, and fellow senior Jacob Adams will be at third base. Lee is counting on seventh grader Kevin Brooks to hold down second base.

"His skills are great," Lee said of his young second baseman.

Including Brewer, several of the infielders will also see time in other spots including Adams seeing time at first base.

The catching duties will fall on Brad Puckett and senior Colton Chapple. Chapple is also available in the outfield.

Joining Chapple in the outfield will be fellow seniors Alan Black and Reed Smiley with Steven Bearden also getting playing time in the outfield.

"We have some depth," Lee said. There are 26 total players including middle schoolers.

On the offensive side, Lee said his players have only been able to hit in the cage, but they "look pretty good."

"We've been live throw-

ing, and a lot of the boys are hitting better on live arms than the machine," the coach said.

Several players will be counted on to provide pop at the plate. Adams, Brewer, Snell, Brad Puckett and T.J. Puckett have already shown their coach they have ability to put the bat on the ball.

However, the coach says his team needs to be well schooled in playing "small ball."

"We aren't going to pound the ball over the fence," Lee said. "You don't have to be fast, but you have to be cerebral to be successful with small ball."

Lee expects his team to play together, have fun, do well for the school and community on and off the field.

"I don't like the mouth-ing," he said. "I want them to be respectful."

He also wants his team to be competitive saying, "It's not fun to lose. We have six seniors. I want them to have a good year of baseball."

Also on the varsity roster are: Devon Hankins, Jordan Adams, Josh Castle, Tyler Adams, Tayler Edwards, Kameron Orten and David Price.

Youth Basketball League Season Continues



KYLEE JAMES (left) drives in for a shot while Brianna Tossi looks on during youth action over the weekend.

Photo by Mike Howton

In youth basketball league games Friday, Joe Dawson's Black team beat Birdie Thomas' White team 31-23. On the black team Ethan Jones scored 21 points; Dylan Dawson scored six points; and Nathan Drake and Calob Davis scored two points each. On the White team Logan McKnight scored 13 points; Caden Alfred scored four points; Michael Burgess, Angel Mendoza and Dylan Baker scored two points each.

Debra Oldham's Pink team beat Steven Pleasant's Blue team 19-15. On the Pink team Mattie Fain scored six points; Maddie Huddleston had five; Lexi Blanton scored four; and Vanessa Williams and Alli Jones had two points each. On the Blue team Alli Pleasant scored eight points and Kylie James scored seven.

Brandon Cunningham's Red team beat Hank Mills' Gray team 27-16. On the Red team Cole Cunningham and Brennan Cunningham scored 10 points each; Skylar Clark scored four; Ethan Stuart scored two points; and Talan Moore scored one point. On the Gray team Easton Maddox scored seven points; Skyler Lohse scored six; and Tyler Weir scored three.

On Sunday, March 3rd, Misty Butler's Orange team

beat David Smiley's Yellow team 31-17. On the Orange team Ayden Davis scored 15 points; Aldron Tedder had eight; Brayden Butler scored six; and Casey Fain scored two. On the Yellow team Matthew Cunningham scored nine points; Caden Hicker-son scored four; and Landon Childers and Gage Smiley scored two points each.

Pleasant's Blue team beat Brian Thomas' Green team 19-17. On the Blue team Kylie James scored nine points; Alli Pleasant scored seven; and Annabelle Jones had three points. On the Green team Madison Spurlin scored 11 points; Denisha Randolph scored four; and Zoe Howton had two.

Dawson's Black team beat Butler's Orange team 43-31. On the Black team Dylan Dawson scored 19 points; Ethan Jones scored 16; and Cameron Morris had eight. On the Orange team Ayden Davis scored 11 points; Brayden Butler scored 10; Casey Fain scored six; and Aldron Tedder had four.

Josh Riley's Purple team beat Mills' Gray team 50-22. On the Purple team Braxton Cotton scored 15 points; Owin Riley had 14; Ethan Fain scored nine; Ethan Huddleston scored five; Austin



BRAYDEN BUTLER (left) moves with the ball against Caleb Davis in youth basketball league play.

Photo by Mike Howton

Towe had four; and Christian Abbott scored three points. On the Gray team Skyler Lohse scored 16 points, Tyler Weir scored four; and Easton Maddox had two points.

Rodman In North Korea: We've Seen It All!

SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



BOB WATKINS

A grizzled septuagenarian basketball fan looked out over his coffee cup the other day and said, “Y’know, I’ve lived long enough to have seen just about everything.” Maybe. Maybe not. Dateline: Pyongyang. When an ex-basketball flake with barbed wire hanging from his lips and nose makes himself USA’s ambassador to North Korea, my 75-year-old pal has plenty of new stuff to look forward to.

Dennis Rodman told the world last week that dictator Kim Jong Un “is an awesome kid” who loves basketball as much as Barack Obama. And, he said, Jong Un wants a phone call from President of the United States to make everything all right.

Think of it, Obama out back of the White House, posting up his man.

Meanwhile, what a pair for diplomacy, Dennis Rodman and a fan with his finger on a nuclear button.

But let us be optimistic. Our world could be saved by a phone call request channeled by nose-ringing cross-dresser who hangs out with the Globetrotters. Then, who knows, we could witness nomination for a Nobel Prize for Peace ... Dennis Rodman.

No, my 75-year-old friend has not seen everything. Better hang around awhile. America. I love this place!

Kentucky

With the Kentucky Wildcats having played themselves back onto the ledge of the NCAA Tournament at Arkansas, a few things seem obvious.

First, the bull rush play at Fayetteville brought to mind ... Rick Pitino style.

- Rush tempo early, get crowd involved, influence game officials who often cannot resist being swept up in crowd-pleasing on 50-50 calls.

- Test officials early, find level of rough play allowed.

Coach Mike Anderson added to the frenzy by substituting in waves.

Result? The Wildcats rushed, were rattled, got tired and let themselves be bullied.

Which brings us to ...

Leavin' & stayin' dept.

Kentucky's Alex Poythress and Archie Goodwin.

This month and next fans will watch for ...

1. Hints on who coaches want to return next season and not.

2. Signs for who players and families are listening to (advisors/agents).

Alex Poythress. On his bone-jarring in your face test on the road, he failed.

Poythress' lackluster body language indicates he's ready to be

paid-to-play. Reality: Sit on an NBA bench, be a spot player; Or, like Terrence Jones, play in the development league.

Archie Goodwin. Instincts and style, unless Goodwin changes dramatically, the coach-speak hints are there is no place for him at Kentucky next season.

He is a one-on-everybody player whose style better suited to the NBA though he is clearly not physically ready and certainly not mature enough.

Bottom line. With Calipari's recruiting class for next season, playing time for Poythress and Goodwin as they are today, projects to go down, not up.

Selection Sunday

Days until college basketball's biggest holiday, Selection Sunday, is near single digits and what do we have? Precisely what fans want no clear-cut favorite to the Final Four, and number one seeds still up for grabs.

Heading to league tournaments, who's playing best? Gonzaga (West), Duke (Southeast), Georgetown (East) and Louisville (Midwest).

'New' Big East

With the so-called Catholic 7 as its core, college basketball's newest hot item is the NEW Big East: DePaul, Georgetown, Marquette, Providence, St. John's, Seton Hall and Villanova will be joined by Butler, Xavier, Saint Louis, Dayton and Creighton.

Lots to like about this new league.

Little wonder television (FOX)

is clamoring for a contract. Market reach begins with the Big East tournament staying at Madison Square Garden and stretching into ratings rich cities, Philadelphia, Cincinnati on to Chicago and St. Louis on to Omaha, Neb.

Impact in Kentucky?

None, right?

Wrong. Louisville's Yum!

Center will sell out for future Cardinal opponents Duke, North Carolina and other ACC teams, and Charlie Strong's football program will be a force, basketball series with more geographically compatible rivals won't happen.

Western Kentucky

Conference realignments further afield, Western Kentucky would have been a better geographic fit in Conference USA than Florida Atlantic. FAU and Middle Tennessee left the Sun Belt for C-USA. Should have been Middle and Western.

With Eastern Kentucky long since in its rear view mirror, WKU athletics lose rival Middle Tennessee also.

A Hilltopper all-sports presence in C-USA would be a natural alongside Southern Miss, Marshall and Memphis, with good exposure into media markets Houston, New Orleans (Tulane) on to Tulsa.

View here is, Western Kentucky, like Middle Tennessee, has outgrown the Sun Belt.

UK-WKU Perfect Storm

And, in a perfect storm kind of way the Kentucky-Western Kentucky football opener Aug. 31 is already starting to draw a day-to-

day countdown.

Hilltoppers fans, still aglow from beating UK in Lexington last year, are anxious to get the Wildcats in neutral Nashville this year.

New coach Bobby Petrino, a bevy of returnees and large recruiting class, adds to expectations.

Meanwhile, Kentucky fans are revving up also with new coaches, a well regarded recruiting class and must-win-this-one motivation.

For Kentucky after WKU, the Wildcats move on to play consecutively: Louisville, Florida, (at) South Carolina, Alabama and (at) Mississippi State.

Footnote: Unofficially, more than 27,000 tickets have been allotted already for Kentucky's spring game April 13.

Parting shot

As Syracuse continue to spiral downward, the coach's patience with media did likewise. Following another loss, Jim Boheim at a postgame press conference was asked why a certain player was on the bench at a crucial time. He blew off the question and replied,

“Any more coaches here? Want to ask another coaching question? I'd be happy to take it. I've only been doing this 37 years, I'm sure you've got more ideas of who we should play or we shouldn't play or who should lead? What do I know?”

It's March after all, a trip on road to the Final Four some coaches won't be making.

And so it goes.

You can reach Bob Watkins at sprtsinky@aol.com.

Madisonville City Park Lake Provides Close Fishing Opportunity

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources has partnered with the city of Madisonville to provide a great fishing opportunity at Madisonville City Park Lake.

The 14.5-acre north lake is enrolled in the Fishing in Neighborhoods (FINs) program. The FINs program, which began in 2006 with five lakes, now includes 39 lakes in 24 counties. The goal of the program is to provide quality fishing opportunities near cities of all sizes throughout the commonwealth. These lakes are great places to make a quick getaway, relax and catch a mess of fish. They also are great places to take the family fishing without traveling far from home.

The north lake will receive two yearly stockings of channel catfish and three annual stockings of rainbow trout. The 25-acre south lake will receive an annual stocking of channel catfish.

Since trout prefer cold water, the department stocks them during the cool months of February, March and October. The department stocks catfish during the warmer months of March, April, May and August.

Madisonville City Park Lake North will be stocked with 1,400 channel catfish during the first two weeks of March. The stocked channel catfish will be 12-18 inches long and average 1 pound each. The stocking of 2,500 rainbow trout is scheduled for mid-March. The lake already received 1,250 rainbow trout stocked in early February. Rainbow trout will average 9-11 inches long.

Additionally, lakes containing sunfish and bass will be managed and stocked as necessary. Check the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Web site for the complete list of lakes, exact stocking dates, license requirements and directions to each lake. The site also has a place to submit pictures of a catch. Just go to fw.ky.gov/urbanfishing.asp to get the latest information.

Daily limits for each angler fishing a FINs lake include five rainbow trout, four catfish, one largemouth bass over 15 inches and 15 bluegill or other sunfish. Regulations apply for both lakes in the park. A statewide fishing license is required for anglers who are 16 and older. Licensed anglers who want to keep their trout must have an additional trout permit. The trout permit is included in the \$5 senior license for those anglers age 65 and older, as well as the sportsmen's license.

Whitfield Bill Would Keep Cumberland Tailwaters Open

U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield has introduced a bill to keep the Army Corps of Engineers from blocking fishing waters near dams on the Cumberland River, a plan that has drawn outrage from anglers in Kentucky and Tennessee.

The Republican congressman from Kentucky's 1st District in western Kentucky met earlier with corps officials but said at the time he was prepared to file legislation if necessary.

Whitfield said Tuesday his Freedom to Fish Act would allow continued boating access to river tailwaters for sportsmen and recreational fishermen.

Corps officials have warned that boating too close to spillways at the dams is a safety risk. The corps said 14 people have died in the tailwaters below the dams on the Cumberland River since 1970, including three since 2009.

LBL To Re-Open Several Areas

Land Between The Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area will re-open Rushing Bay, Duncan Bay, Duncan Lake, Smith Bay, Fulton/Honker Bay, Honker Lake Refuge, Long Creek Waterfowl Refuge, and portions of Energy Lake on March 16. Hematite Lake will also be open March 16 for bank fishing only.

March Is Best Time For Trophy Bass

By Lee McClellan

Female smallmouth bass in lakes such as Laurel River Lake, Green River Lake, Lake Cumberland and Kentucky Lake grow hungry in early spring as water temperatures slowly warm to 50 degrees. The water temperatures in these lakes range from the mid to high 40s right now.

They need to feed in order to nourish the eggs developing down in their abdomens for the upcoming spawn. You need to put a hair jig, tailspinner, or blade bait in front of their noses during the next month or so.

“Once the water temperatures start into the 50s, the large female smallmouth start gorging themselves to continue forming the egg mass in their bodies,” said Gerry Buynak, assistant director of fisheries for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. “Eggs make up about 3 to 5 percent of their body weight now and will grow to about 15 percent of body weight right before spawn.”

Buynak, who previously served as a black bass biologist for many years, said the percentage of body weight from the eggs can grow to as high as 20 percent right before the spawn. That is a lot of eating those big females need to do between now and April, when reservoir smallmouth reproduce.

Finding late winter smallmouths in these reservoirs requires looking at things with a totally different perspective than you would for largemouth bass. You need acres and acres of

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big, deep water near your fishing spots.

Points near the old river or major creek channel are great places to start prospecting for early March smallmouths. “There are good smallmouth bass in Green River Lake size-wise for sure,” said Eric Cummins, southwestern fisheries district biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. “You just need to pick your spots. The most productive area is the lower end near the dam.”

Map study reveals the Green River channel swings close to points in the lower section of the Green River arm of the lake while Robinson Creek does the same near the dam. Slowly probe these points with a 3/8-ounce black hair jig with no trailer, letting the lure settle on each rock shelf of the point as it sinks. A tailspinner fluttering down the sides of these points draws strikes from large smallmouths.

Laurel River Lake may be the best lake in Kentucky to catch a trophy smallmouth. John Williams, southeastern fisheries biologist for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, said a fishing partner of his caught a 23-inch smallmouth recently that weighed nearly 7 pounds.

Points that extend out into the lake and coves with a channel near their mouths are great places to try. Small silver and blue swimbaits worked slowly down points work well right now on

Laurel. Swimming a 4-inch pearl curly-tailed grub across channel drops in the coves draws smallmouths in early March as well on this lake.

Pick an overcast, dark day to fish Laurel as the lake's extremely clear water makes smallmouth skittish. A day with misty, light rain is best.

Lake Cumberland continues to produce healthy, fat smallmouth bass. The small cuts along the main lake from Harmon Creek to the dam make excellent places to rip a metal blade bait, such as the Silver Buddy, off the bottom for smallmouths.

Slowly work a tailspinner just above bottom right in the heart of the small

v-shaped coves along the main lake and in the mouths of major creek arms for Cumberland smallmouths. A tailspinner sliced across the adjacent points of these little coves also produces strikes.

Kentucky Lake anglers report catching some good smallmouth bass by working suspending jerkbaits on points near the channel on the east side of the lake.

Get out now and prospect for trophy smallmouth bass on these lakes. The good bite lasts until right before Derby time.

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Service To Be Saturday For Richard Hibbs, 40

A memorial service for Richard Edward Hibbs, 40, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Earlington First Baptist Church, 114 Moss Ave.

The Rev. Bobby Sellers will officiate. Beshear Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Hibbs died Feb. 26, 2013, in Mortons Gap.

He was born July 10, 1972, in Dupage County, Ill., to the late Robert E. Hibbs Sr. and Patricia Lee Hibbs.

He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Leslie Hibbs, Madisonville, and Abigail



RICHARD HIBBS

Hibbs, Dawson Springs; a son, Briley Hibbs, Dawson Springs; a brother Robert E. Hibbs Jr., Dawson Springs; and several nieces and nephews.

Services Are Held Today For Dorothy Darnell, 87

The funeral for Dorothy L. Darnell, 87, of Du Quoin, Ill., will be held at 2 p.m. today at Searby Funeral Home in Du Quoin.

The Rev. Joe Wagner will officiate. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Du Quoin.

Mrs. Darnell died at 12:10 p.m. March 3, 2013, at Marshall Browning Hospital.

She was born May 24, 1925, in Ilesley, to the late Richard and Goldie Peyton Watson.

She was a homemaker and a cook at J.B. Ward School for 15 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Du Quoin.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin Leroy Darnell; two infant daughters, Melinda Kay and Vickie Lorene; and a brother, Wayne McCraw.

Survivors include three children, Chris Darnell, Ron Darnell and Elaine Dawson, all Du Quoin; a sister, Joan Worsham, Crofton; two brothers, William Don Watson, Campbellsville, and Bobby Joe Watson, Dawson Springs; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marshall Browning Hospital Tree of Life.

Survey Findings Released On Ky. Health Issues Poll

Nearly three in ten (28 percent) Kentucky working-age adults do not have health insurance while the number of adults ages 18-64 who get health insurance from their employer, or their spouse's employer, has plummeted. Those are among the findings in the latest Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP).

Because 98 percent of seniors have some form of health coverage, this report focuses only on working age adults (ages 18-64). KHIP highlights include:

—Four in ten (41 percent) indicated they had been uninsured at some point in the last 12 months.

—Fewer than four in ten (37 percent) get their health insurance from an employer or spouse's employer. In 2008, more than five in ten (55 percent) got their insurance from an employer or spouse's employer.

—Nearly three in ten (27 percent) are covered by some form of public insurance. That's almost triple the percentage (10 percent) who were covered by public insurance in 2008.

—About four in ten (43 percent) of adults living at or below 100 percent of the federal poverty level reported being uninsured.

—Fewer than two in ten (15 percent) of adults living above 200 percent of the federal poverty level said they were uninsured.

"This data gives us a snapshot of the health insurance situation for Kentucky adults," stated Dr. Susan Zepeda, President/CEO of the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. "It appears that fewer workers are obtaining health insurance through their employers, while a growing number of working-age adults are being covered by public insurance."

OBITUARIES

Service Is Held Monday For Jimmy Mathews, 68

The funeral for James R. "Jimmy" Mathews, 68, of Dawson Springs, was held Monday at Beshear Funeral Home. Elder Jeff Winfrey officiated. A Masonic memorial service was held at the funeral home Sunday night.

Mathews died March 1, 2013, at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.

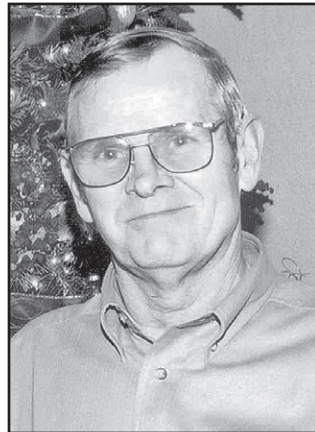
He was born Aug. 4, 1944, in Hopkins County, to the late Noble and Willie Mae Brown Mathews.

He was a 1962 graduate of Charleston High School.

He worked for 25 years as a coal miner and retired with Island Creek Coal Company's Providence #1 Mine where he was a mining electrician. He was a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

Mathews also exercised a benevolent helping spirit for his fellow man by serving on the Dawson Springs and Charleston volunteer fire departments for 40 years. He received an EMT certification and served on the Dawson Springs Emergency Squad for many years beginning in 1978. He also worked as an EMT with the ambulance service in Hopkinsville for a few years. In 1994, he became a deputy coroner for Hopkins County, a capacity in which he served for the remainder of his life.

Mathews had a passion for life and greatly loved his family. He was also a member of the Al E. Orton



JIMMY MATHEWS

Masonic Lodge for which he served as the secretary/treasurer for many years. He was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Mona Jane Mathews of Dawson Springs; two daughters and sons-in-law, Laura and Jimmy Miller and Martha and Bobby Woolsey, all of Dawson Springs; a half brother, Wayne Mathews of Panama City Beach, Fla.; three step sisters, Jeri Cotton of Dawson Springs, Ann Cain of Nebo, and Ginny Bolen of Louisville; and five grandchildren, Megan Miller, Trevor Woolsey, Erin Woolsey, Mathew Miller and Mason Miller all of Dawson Springs.

Pallbearers were Keith Steeley, Daniel Kovach, Harvey Martin, Trevor Woolsey, Ralph Alhart and Joe Workman.

Honorary pallbearers were J.D. Steeley and Phillip Terry.

Funeral Was Held Friday For Rodger Carroll, Sr.

The funeral for Rodger Dean Carroll Sr., 62, was held Friday at Beshear Funeral Home.

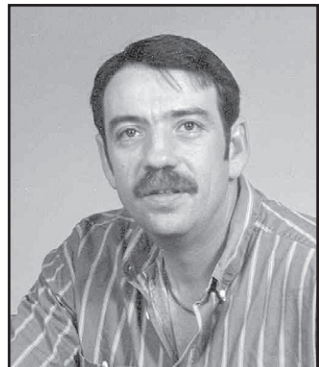
The Rev. Rodger Dean Carroll Jr. officiated. Burial was in Ilesley Cemetery.

Carroll died Feb. 26, 2013, at Brighton Cornerstone Healthcare in Madisonville.

He was born Sept. 21, 1950, in Hopkins County, to the late Edgar Brown Carroll and Ruby Mae Johnson Carroll.

He worked for many years at Peabody Coal Camp #11 as a miner. He was of the Baptist faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Evelyn Jackson, Dorothy Nell East and Montrella Sue Moore; and



RODGER CARROLL

three brothers, Billy Carroll, Edward Carroll and Charles Carroll.

Survivors include a daughter, Stephanie Carroll Crick, White Plains; a son, Rodger Dean Carroll Jr., Paducah; a sister, Margaret Carner, Dawson Springs; and six grandchildren.

Visitation Is Today For Charles Thomas Young

Visitation for Charles Thomas Young, 63, will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. today at Beshear Funeral Home.

Burial will be in Rosedale Cemetery. No services will be held.

Young died March 3, 2013, in Madisonville.

He was born Aug. 3, 1949, in Nashville, Tenn.

He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his mother and five brothers.

Gospel Jubilee Will Host 'The Sextons' Saturday

Rita's Front Porch Gospel Jubilee, 8805 Ky. 112 in Ilesley, will feature The Sextons from Horse Cave at 7 p.m. Saturday. In case of snow, the performance will be can-

celed.

There is no admission charge. A love offering and donations will be accepted.

For information, phone 875-6248 or 875-6249.

Photography Contest Open For Middle School Children

The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet has kicked off its third annual Capture the Earth middle school digital photography contest for all Kentucky students in grades 6-8.

The Capture the Earth photo contest is open to all Kentucky middle school students. Judges will look for originality and creativity, photo composition and a brief explanation of how well the photograph celebrates the beauty and diversity of Kentucky and encourages others to care about the state's envi-

ronment through stewardship and conservation.

EEC will accept entries until 4:30 p.m. April 15. The winner will receive two nights lodging at any Kentucky State Resort Park with his or her family. Middle school students may e-mail one photograph as an attachment to Kidsphotocontest@ky.gov. Official contest rules are available at <http://eec.ky.gov/Pages/earthday.aspx>.

For more information, phone Ricki Gardenhire at 502-564-5525 or e-mail Ricki.gardenhire@ky.gov.

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Highway 109 North
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Highway 62 West
Bro. Willard Walls, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST
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Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Wednesday Service, 6:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.

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Rev. Raymond Cummings, Pastor
Morning Worship, 10 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

CHARLESTON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

SUTHARDS BAPTIST CHURCH
Highway 112
Bro. George Brooks, Pastor
Sunday School, 10 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Training Union, 6 p.m.
Evening Worship, 7 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Evening Worship, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
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Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

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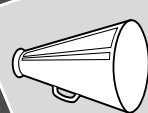
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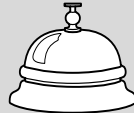
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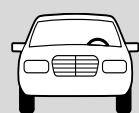
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Lena Beshear Enjoys Birthday With Family

Lena Beshear received 117 birthday cards when she turned 80 on Feb. 26.

Her family treated her to a birthday dinner at Ryan's Steakhouse in Hopkinsville. On hand to help her celebrate were her son and daughter-in law, David and Charlotte

Beshear; her daughter and son-in-law, LaDonna and Glenn Washburn; her grandchildren, Amy and Shannon Albro and Nathan Stallins; Nathan's fiancée, Kari Mason; and her great-grandchildren, Zander Albro, Addi Greer and Jaxon Stallins.

MCC Hosting First Online 'Transfer Madness Fair'

Madisonville Community College and other Kentucky Community and Technology College System colleges and four-year institutions will partner to host the first online statewide transfer fair today. Tagged as Transfer Madness, the event will run from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Students will have the unique opportunity of chatting online with transfer advisors, considering scholarship opportunities, downloading materials and more, all at a time that is most convenient for them.

In addition, students can register to win prizes — \$1,000 scholarships, iPads, Kindle Fires, \$50 gas cards and basketballs autographed

by Rick Pitino and John Calipari.

Visit the Transfer Madness Web site at www.transfermadness.org to register for the online transfer fair and to view a listing of participating colleges.

On Thursday, Murray State University's Madisonville Regional Campus will host Transfer Day from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. in room 333 of the John H. Gray Building on MCC's North Campus. The MSU admission application fee will be waived (a \$30 value) plus there will be on-site transfer credit evaluation and advising. For additional information, phone 825-4379.



EVERLI MITCHELL, with her parents, Sheldon and Lori Mitchell, is recognized during the Dawson Springs High School senior night activities, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

photo by Mike Howton



LAUREN MENSER, with her parents Brent Menser and Kim Menser, was one of the Dawson Springs High School seniors recognized at the Tuesday, Feb. 12, basketball game.

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Compassionate Friends To Meet

The Compassionate Friends monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 12 at the Christian County

NAMI Will Meet

NAMI, a support group for family and friends of people with mental illnesses, will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 163 N. Main St., Madisonville.

For information, phone Mary Poole at 824-8673.

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TCF is a nonprofit self-help organization that offers friendship, hope and understanding to bereaved parents, grandparents and siblings. The organization assists families toward positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and provides information to others to help them in supporting the grieving families.

For information, phone Mary Foster at 886-5163.



ATTENDING the annual Conference of Kentucky School Boards in Louisville this past weekend are (seated, from left) Vicki Allen, Tracy Overby, and Melissa Knight; (standing) Chris Smiley, Superintendent Charles Proffitt, and Earl Menser.



JACOB ADAMS, son of Willie and Darla Adams, is recognized by his coach Jeff Miller, during the Dawson Springs High School senior night activities, Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Ky. First Lady Announces Reading List

As a part of her ongoing reading recommendations initiative, first lady Jane Beshear has announced a special reading list for this week's Third Annual Kentucky Literacy Celebration. The celebration involves several statewide events focused on improving literacy levels for all Kentuckians. A kickoff event with approximately 4,000 fourth-graders at Rupp Arena was held March 1.

"Reading is a fundamental tool that we must encourage children to utilize at an early age," said Mrs. Beshear. "Literacy and reading serve as the foundation for learning and achieving goals throughout life. This season, my selections for young readers include many classic and fantasy tales. These books inspire and engage imaginations in a way that will help our children want to keep reading."

2013 Literacy Week Reading Recommendations

1. "Moo, Baa, La La La!" by Sandra Boynton (Infant) — "This board book features whimsical characters, non-traditional text and rhymes that are perfect for reading aloud and engaging young readers. With more than five million copies currently in

print, it is listed as one of 'Publishers Weekly's Best-selling Children Books of All Time.'"

2. "Narnia: The Magician's Nephew" by C.S. Lewis (Ages 8-11) — "This is the sixth of seven novels in the Chronicles of Narnia series. This fantasy-driven text describes how the lion Aslan created the magical world of Narnia and how it exists as one of many in a multi-universe of changing worlds."

3. "The Secret Garden" by Frances Hodgson Burnett (Ages 8-11) — "This classic English novel follows the young, contrary Mary Lennox who moves in to her uncle's manor and meets her sick, ill-tempered cousin Colin. The two children discover a hidden, abandoned garden filled with magic. The garden begins to flourish again as the children themselves grow to become better people."

4. "The Georges and the Jewels" by Jane Smiley (Ages 10 and up) — "Set on a California ranch in the 1960's, this young adult novel is centered around a teenage girl named Abby who finds refuge from her struggles at school and home with the horses on her family's ranch. Abby is tasked with taming an unruly geld-

YW Has Feb. Meeting At D.S. Branch Library

The YW Club met Feb. 21st at the Dawson Springs Branch Library. Pat Bruce and Sharon Budd were co-hostesses.

Members were served pretzel salad and drinks. Tables and gifts were decorated in a pink and red Valentine theme with pink floral centerpieces on each table.

Members present were Jeannie Moore, Carolyn Stevens, Marvalyn Tolbet, Deborah Coats, Sandra Menser, JoAnn Edwards, Sylvia Thomas, Beth Dillingham,

Janis Peroddy, Melissa Hefflin, Shirley Menser, Peggy Furgerson, Bonnie Mills and the hostesses.

A short business meeting was held, and new officers for 2013 were elected. They are Mills, president; Tolbert, vice president; Thomas, secretary; Charlotte Cooley, treasurer; and Bobbie Kinsolving, reporter.

Following the meeting, members played Rook with prizes won by Dillingham, Stevens and Shirley Menser.

Princeton Animal Shelter Announces Adoption Fair

New Beginnings Animal Shelter will host the first ever Spring "Pet tacular" Adoption Fair March 23 at Tractor Supply Company in Princeton. Adoptable pets will be there from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to meet prospective pet owners.

Follow the shelter on Petfinder or on Facebook at New Beginnings: Animal Shelter for more information, including which animals will attend the adoption fair and other upcoming events and fundraisers.

League Of Women Voters To Meet

The public is invited to attend the Hopkinsville-Christian County League of Women Voters' program, Calling all Boomers, at 6 p.m. March 12 at the Hopkinsville Art Guild Gallery in Bradford Square Mall.

The program will include a presentation from a Cham-

ber of Commerce representative sharing the Christian County spending habits, a representative from the Pennyroyal Area Development District who will present information about the programs available for boomers and information about estate planning.



DAWSON SPRINGS Elementary School academic team who placed second overall in district competition Saturday, March 2, at Jessie Stuart Elementary School in Madisonville are (front, from left) Emma Thorp, Caleb Garrett, Logan McKnight, Landon Pace, Ethan Stuart, Ivory Tackett; (second row) Jamie Thorp, coach, Daniel Garrett, Wesley Oden, Gabby Laxton, Cydney Collins, Jaidan Hunter, Kathy Kelley, coach; (third row) Cindy Solomon, Zoe Howton, Brennen Cunningham, Dylan Dawson, Jackson Creekmur, and Wanda DeTalente.

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